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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lynn Y. Shimada

Serial No.: 09/345,820

Filed: June 30, 1999

For: **METHOD AND SOFTWARE ARTICLE FOR SELECTING
ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF VENDORS IN AN
AUTOMATED PAYMENT ENVIRONMENT**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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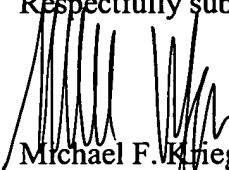
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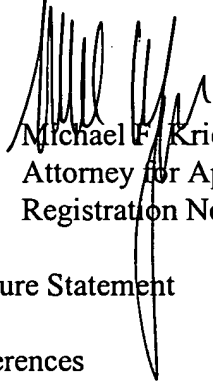
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